

## Distribution System Lead Sample Results 1995-2019

Before 2019, we were unable to detect lead in our laboratory below one part per billion, even with the best available technology - 1 part per billion (ppb) is equivalent to 1 second in approximately 32 years. Due to advances in technology, we are now able to detect lead more precisely and accurately at parts per trillion (ppt) levels – 1 part per trillion (ppt) is equivalent to 1 second in almost 32,000 years. This means that where we once would not have detected any lead, we are now able to. As a result, our 2019 analysis reflects an increase in sensitivity, precision and accuracy rather than an increase in the level of lead in our water.

| Year | Lead ppb              |
|------|-----------------------|
| 1995 | 10.0                  |
| 1996 | 9.0                   |
| 1998 | 9.0                   |
| 2001 | 8.0                   |
| 2004 | 2.0                   |
| 2007 | 1.9                   |
| 2010 | 1.2                   |
| 2013 | 1.5                   |
| 2016 | <1.0                  |
| 2019 | 1.6                   |
|      | Lead Action Level ppb |
|      | 15.0                  |

